

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Hello Readers,

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them!

***Q: Dear Chief, I live on the south part of the old town and last week, we had a pile of brush set on fire by some arsonist. The Fire Dept responded fast and the fire was put out. Luckily, the damage was kept down. Thank you to the Fire guys for the quick action! Jordan—Old Town Anna***

Hello Jordan,

Our Fire guys are great! I will print your Email in the paper that comes out on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

**NEWSFLASH: Fireworks are NOT legal within the City limits of Anna or within 5,000 feet of the City limits of Anna!!!!**

As New Year's Day approaches, the Fireworks stands are beginning to show activity. Sorry, but you **cannot** legally "pop" (discharge) fireworks anywhere in the City Limits of Anna nor can you within 5,000 feet of the City Limits (unless that 5,000 feet is inside of another City--you will have to follow their Ordinances if that is the case).

Back in 2006, the Anna City Council passed an ordinance declaring fireworks a "public nuisance." Anna Police Officers will deal with fireworks disturbances just as they would any misdemeanor call. By the way, if you are caught with fireworks in your possession within the City limits or ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction), you could face both fines of up to \$2,000 for each violation and the confiscation of the fireworks that cost you money. Not to mention how dry the weather has been so far this fall. Please don't cause us to take an enforcement action against you over fireworks!!!

Merry Christmas my friends; God bless us everyone!

See you next week.

**Reminder: Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting)**

First Wednesday of the month @ 12 noon.

**\*Phone numbers: Dial 911 in an emergency.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

If you have a question or comment, please email: [kjenks@annatexas.gov](mailto:kjenks@annatexas.gov)